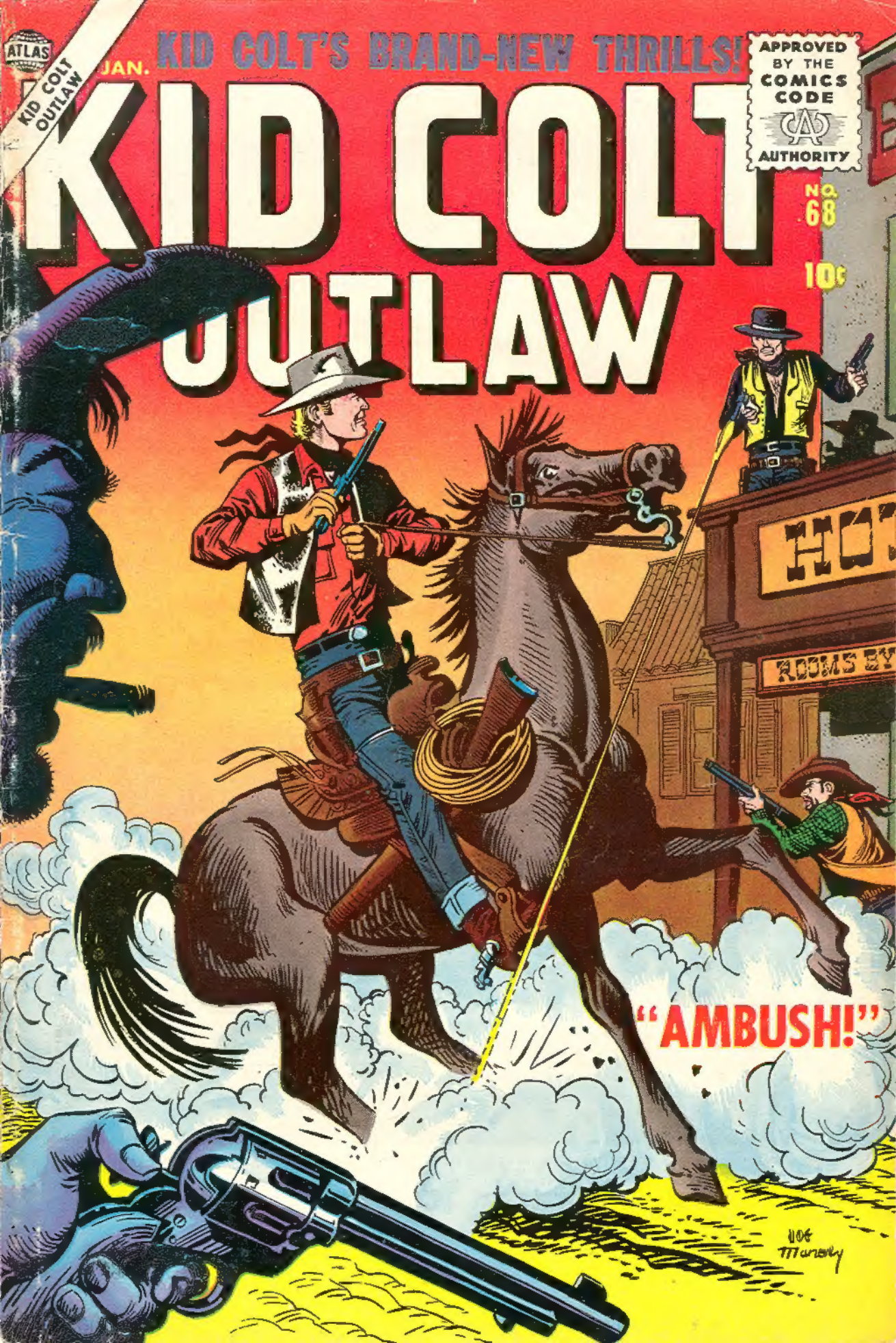
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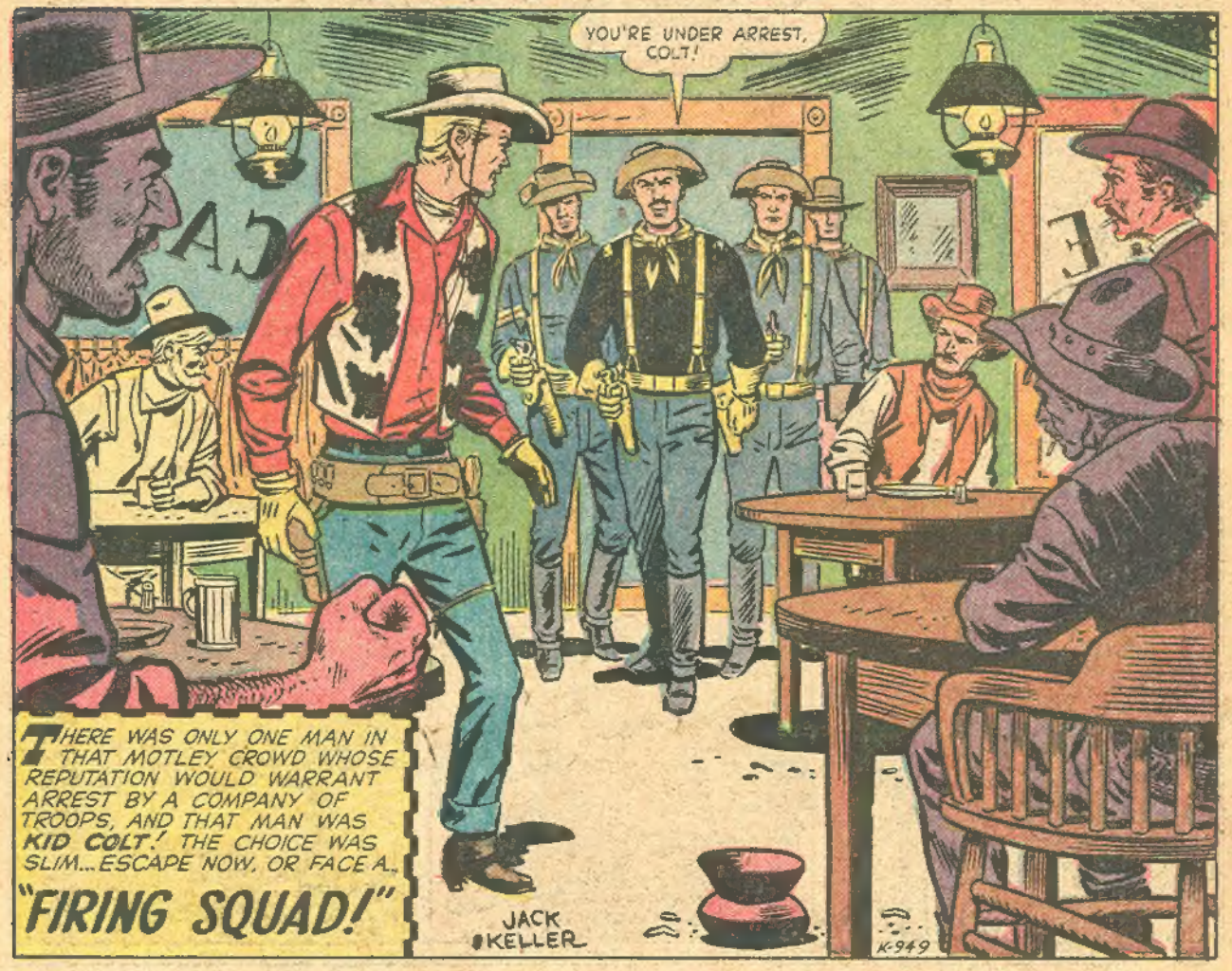
YOU'RE UNDER ARREST, COLT!
THERE WAS ONLY ONE MAN IN THAT MOTLEY CROWD WHOSE REPUTATION WOULD WARRANT ARREST BY A COMPANY OF TROOPS, AND THAT MAN WAS KID COLT! THE CHOICE WAS SLIM... ESCAPE NOW, OR FACE A... "FIRING SQUAD!"
JACK KELLER
K-949

KID COLT WEIGHED THE ODDS CAREFULLY...

THERE WAS A BRIEF MOMENT OF CONFUSION, AND IN THAT TIME...
DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY!
BUT, AS KID COLT REACHED THE LANDING...
FREEZE, COLT!
YOU HAD THIS TRAP WELL PREPARED!
HE'S COMING DOWN! GRAB HIM WHEN HE LANDS!
YOU FOOL! THIS BUILDING'S SURROUNDED!
YOU SWUNG YOURSELF RIGHT INTO OUR LAPS, COLT!
YOU DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE, COLT! WE CAME HERE PREPARED FOR SOMETHING LIKE THIS!
THE GOVERNMENT MUST FIGURE I DID SOMETHING MIGHTY AWFUL, TO RATE A COMPANY OF TROOPS! FOR YOUR INFORMATION, LIEUTENANT, I'M INNOCENT OF THE CHARGE YOU MADE!,
YOU CAN SAVE YOURSELF A STIFF SENTENCE IF YOU TELL ME WHAT YOU DID WITH THE EXPLOSIVES AND POWDER YOU STOLE!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT! THE ONLY POWDER I NEED IS WHAT I CARRY IN MY BULLETS, AND I DON'T HAVE TO RAID A WAGON TRAIN TO GET BULLETS!
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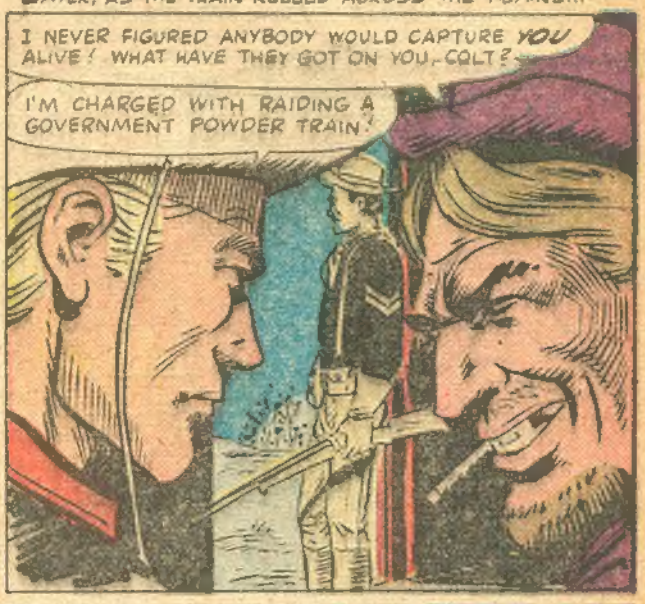
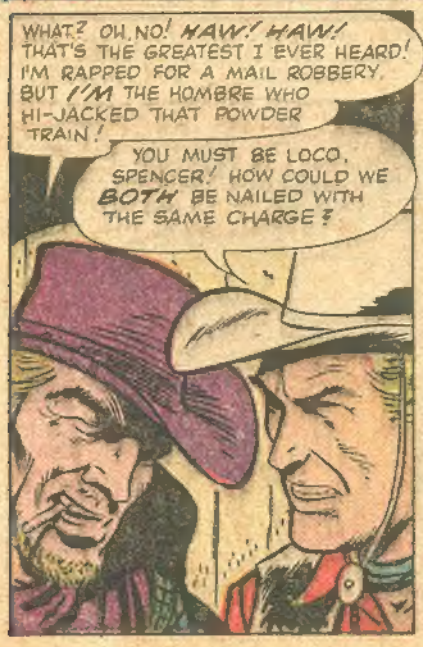
LATER, AT THE DEPOT...
YOU'LL HAVE TIME BETWEEN HERE AND FORT CHANDLER TO THINK THINGS OVER!
I'VE GOT ONLY MY INNOCENCE TO THINK ABOUT!
R.R.

WELL, IF IT AIN'T KID COLT! LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE COMPANY ON THIS TRIP!
NO TALKING, SPENCER! BASSET TIE THE TWO PRISONERS TOGETHER WITH A SET OF DOUBLE MANACLES!

I DON'T LIKE BEING TIED TO A THIEVING, RUSTLING BUZZARD LIKE BART SPENCER!
YOU'VE GOT NO CHOICE IN THE MATTER, COLT! IT WILL BE EASIER TO GUARD YOU BOTH THIS WAY!


LATER, AS THE TRAIN ROLLED ACROSS THE PLAINS...
I NEVER FIGURED ANYBODY WOULD CAPTURE YOU ALIVE! WHAT HAVE THEY GOT ON YOU, COLT?
I'M CHARGED WITH RAIDING A GOVERNMENT POWDER TRAIN!


WHAT? OH, NO! HAW! HAW! THAT'S THE GREATEST I EVER HEARD! I'M RAPPED FOR A MAIL ROBBERY, BUT I'M THE HOMBRE WHO HI-JACKED THAT POWDER TRAIN!
YOU MUST BE LOCO, SPENCER! HOW COULD WE BOTH BE NAILED WITH THE SAME CHARGE?

HAW! THAT'S WHAT'S SO FUNNY! YOU'RE BEIN' BLAMED FOR WHAT I DID! I'LL GET A LIGHT SENTENCE BUT YOU'LL SERVE A LONG TERM!
NOT IF I CAN HELP IT, YOU BUZZARD!

NOBODY WOULD BELIEVE YOU, COLT! SO, I MIGHT AS WELL TELL YOU WHAT I'M USIN' ALL THAT POWDER FOR! A BIG GOLD SHIPMENT IS ON ITS WAY TO CHEROKEE!
I KNOW ABOUT IT! IT'S GOVERNMENT GOLD TO PAY FOR SOME NEW LAND BOUGHT FROM THE INDIANS!
3

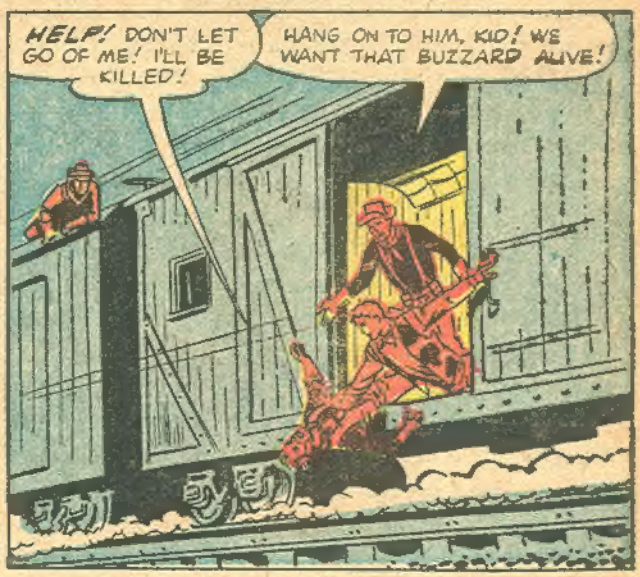
THAT GOLD IS ON ITS WAY THERE RIGHT NOW ON SOME TRAIN .. AND MY BOYS ARE GONNA PLANT THAT POWDER ON THE MONEY TRAIN!
YOU'RE WRONG, SPENCER! THAT GOLD WAS TRANSFERRED TO THIS TRAIN BACK IN WHITE ROCK! THAT'S ONE REASON FOR ALL THE TROOPS YOU SAW!
WHAT THE.. M-MY BOYS MUST'VE PLANTED THE POWDER ON THIS TRAIN!
THAT'S RIGHT!
WE G-GOTTA DO SOMETHIN'! WE'VE GOTTA STOP THIS TRAIN AN' GET OFF!
IT DOESN'T BOTHER ME, SPENCER! I'M BAIT FOR A FIRING SQUAD! WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE WHETHER I GO NOW OR TOMORROW?
GUARD! STOP THIS TRAIN! IT'S LOADED WITH POWDER SET TO BLOW SKY-HIGH!
THAT WON'T CONVINCE HIM, SPENCER! TELL HIM THE WHOLE STORY!
I ROBBED THAT GUVERNMENT POWDER TRAIN! I NEEDED THE POWDER TO BLOW UP THE GOLD BEIN' SHIPPED OUT TO CHEROKEE! BUT THE POWDER IS ON THIS TRAIN!
BETTER LISTEN TO HIM! HE'S TALKING STRAIGHT FOR A CHANGE!
IF THIS IS SOME TRICK, YOU'LL BOTH PAY FOR IT!
HURRY! GET THESE MANACLES OFF US! STOP THE TRAIN! THERE'S NO TIME TO LOSE!
SOON AS YOU'RE FREE, LAY DOWN WITH YOUR FACES ON THE DECK, AN' DON'T STIR, TILL I SIGNAL THE ENGINEER TO STOP THE TRAIN!
WE'LL FREEZE, BUT HURRY!
4

SUDDENLY, LIKE A TREACHEROUS RATTLER...

THANKS FOR EVERYTHING! I'LL REMEMBER YOU HOMBRES, WHILE I'M LIVIN' HIGH AN' WIDE!
YOU'LL NEVER SEE THE GLEAM OF THAT GOLD, SPENCER!

LIKE A STRIKING COUGAR, KID COLT UNCOILED...

FOR A GRIM MOMENT, THE TWO MEN HUNG PRECARIOUSLY TO THE SPEEDING TRAIN...



MOMENTS LATER...
THIS TIME YOU'LL BE HOG-TIED HAND AND FOOT, SPENCER! WATCH HIM, WHILE I SIGNAL THE TRAIN TO STOP, KID!
THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY! THIS TRAIN IS SAFE!
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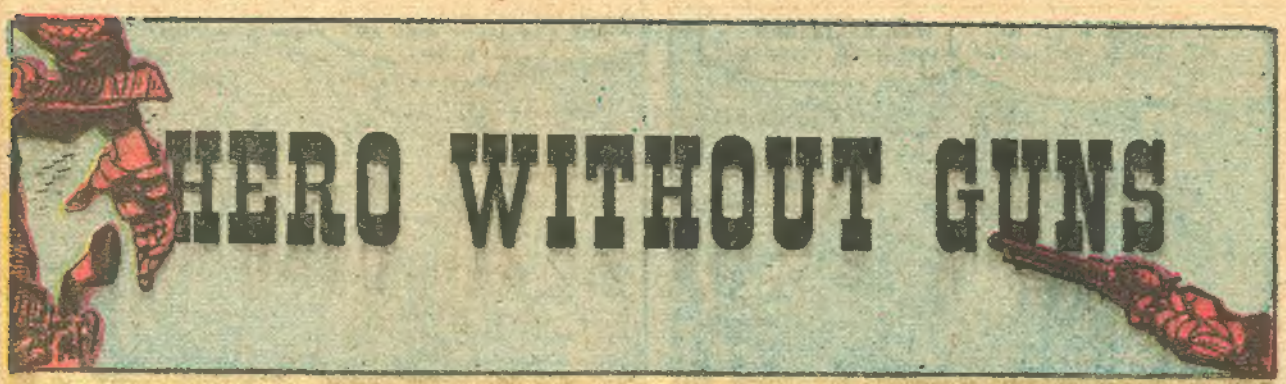
WHAT ABOUT THAT GOLD SHIPMENT? I'LL BE RICH! MY BOYS WILL...
YOU OUGHT TO READ THE PAPERS MORE OFTEN! THAT DEAL WITH THE INDIANS WAS CANCELLED BY THE GOVERNMENT! SO YOUR GANG PROBABLY DUMPED THE POWDER INTO THE RIVER! YOU LOSE ALL AROUND, SPENCER!
THE END



HERO WITHOUT GUNS

HE was known as Hair-Trigger Harry because he was the fastest man on the draw in all of Culver City. His real name was Clarence Oswald Harrison, but nobody in his right mind would dare call him by his real name . . . unless he was awfully anxious to join his ancestors. Hair-Trigger wasn't the type to pick a fight with anyone, but he never backed down once a man baited him. He'd meet any challenge fair and square. Of course, most folks kept a respectful distance from a fellow who was as sharp with his tongue as he was with his shooting. The target contests in town convinced everyone that Harry was champ. The contests were for fun, but no one reckoned on mixing it seriously with Harry.

Everyone in town gave him a wide berth as he'd come sauntering along the hard wood walk, a perpetual scowl carved on his lean, leathery face. He was tough and tight-lipped. If he had no known enemies, there was no man either who would call him "friend." He worked his own small ranch and minded his own business, but he never smiled and pitched in like the others to lend a helping hand to fellow ranchers at roundup time.

It was always like that, Harry reflected, ever since he was a skinny kid in knee-breeches endured the taunts of his schoolmates. "Clarence, ooooh Cla-a-arence," they chorused when he tried to join their games. "Are you sure your maw won't miss you at milking time? Or is this your day to help her with the knitting and quilting?"

At first, he fought back, but he was too small, and he was always outnumbered. He returned home to nurse his lumps, angry at his folks for naming him as they had, angry at his tormentors, and angry at himself for being too puny to defeat all his schoolmates single-handed. Nor was he safe from scorn back on his own home ground. The cowhands in the corral used to mock his determined efforts to subdue a bucking bronco. They laughed long and loud as he'd go sprawling in the dust a few seconds after mounting. An occasional glint of respect came into their eyes, however, when they watched his sharpshooting skill with tin cans and targets mounted on the rail-posts of the ranch. They wondered if the day was not long off when they might have to reckon with this lonely youngster.

One day Culver City came alive with the news. Young Percy Van Schuyler had taken to the hills to hunt the rustlers who had run off with some of the prize stock on the Schuyler spread. He left a note for his father, saddled a horse with provisions, and set out on a mission quite dangerous for even an organized posse, much less for a tenderfoot like Percy.

"He'll wind up a fool more'n a hero," said the boy's father when he showed up at the sheriff's office to ask for help in tracking down Percy. "I went out on the trail a ways, but could find nary a trace of him. What chance does a green kid like Percy have against them outlaws. I don't know what's taken hold of that boy. His mother thinks the ranch isn't a fittin' place for him anyways, and now he's off by himself to play hero. He's not too strong a boy, you know."

While the townspeople buzzed excitedly, Sheriff Bill Parker got busy organizing a posse. Volunteers filled the office, and the sheriff quickly barked out his instructions.

"Luke, you take four men and see if you can pick up any tracks leading from the Van Schuyler ranch. Hank, you take your men and hightail it to the valley. I'll take two men to the hills and scour the area for hiding places."

The sheriff's words suddenly trailed off in the middle of a sentence as Hair-Trigger Harry stalked into the room. All the men eyed him warily, and a hush fell over the room. Harry didn't seem to notice he'd upset

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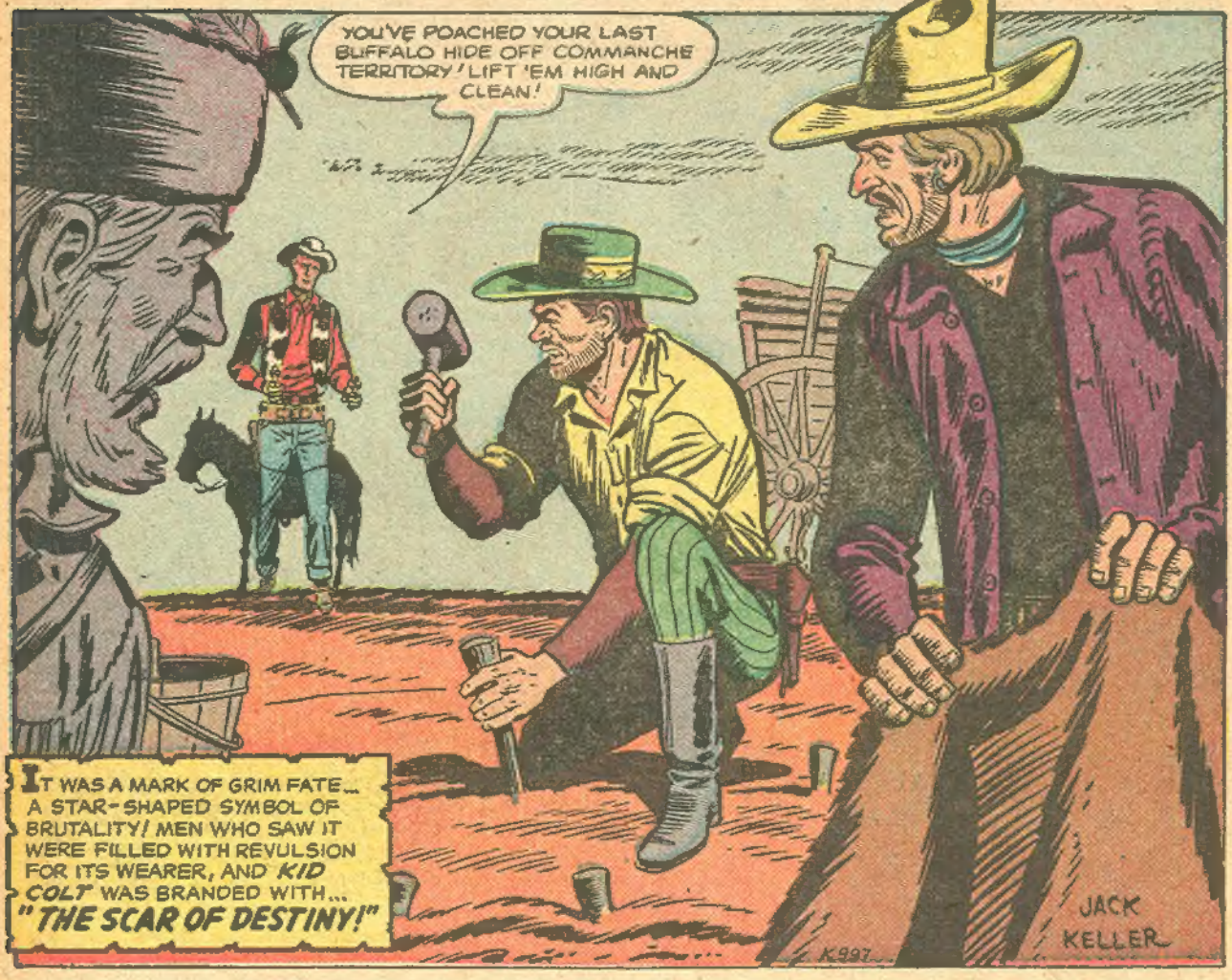
YOU'VE POACHED YOUR LAST BUFFALO HIDE OFF COMMANCHE TERRITORY! LIFT 'EM HIGH AND CLEAN!
IT WAS A MARK OF GRIM FATE... A STAR-SHAPED SYMBOL OF BRUTALITY! MEN WHO SAW IT WERE FILLED WITH REVULSION FOR ITS WEARER, AND KID COLT WAS BRANDED WITH... "THE SCAR OF DESTINY!"
JACK KELLER
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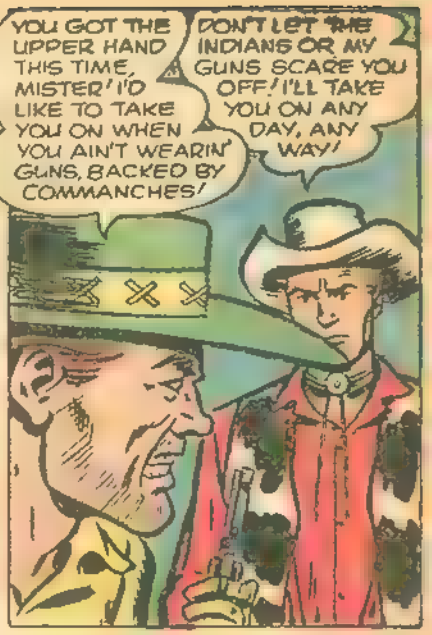
WE GOT THESE HIDES LEGAL! WE MADE A DEAL WITH THE REDSKINS FOR THEM!
THAT'S A LIE! THE COMMANCHES WERE ON THE WARPATH AFTER YOU! TILL I CONVINCED THEM TO LET ME HANDLE IT!

DIRK DAWSON MADE A SERIOUS MISTAKE! HE WENT FOR HIS GUNS...

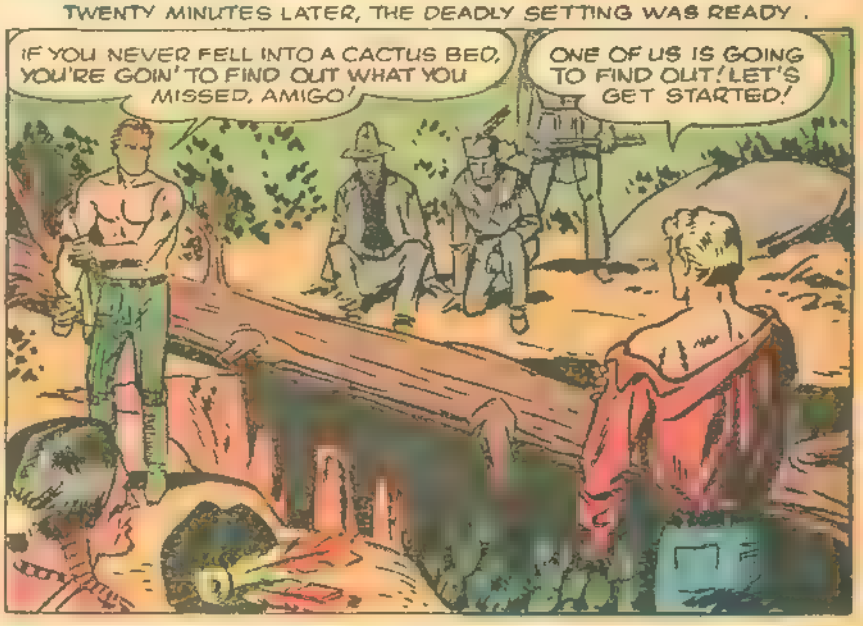
THE KID'S GUNS ROARED AND CORRECTED DAWSON'S MISTAKE.

THE WHITE POACHERS SAY THEY MADE A DEAL W TH YOU, RED BROTHERS!
THEY LIE! THEY KILL MANY BUFFALO AND TAKE ONLY HIDES! THEY LEAVE THE PLAINS COVERED WITH SPOILED MEAT WHICH MY PEOPLE NEED!

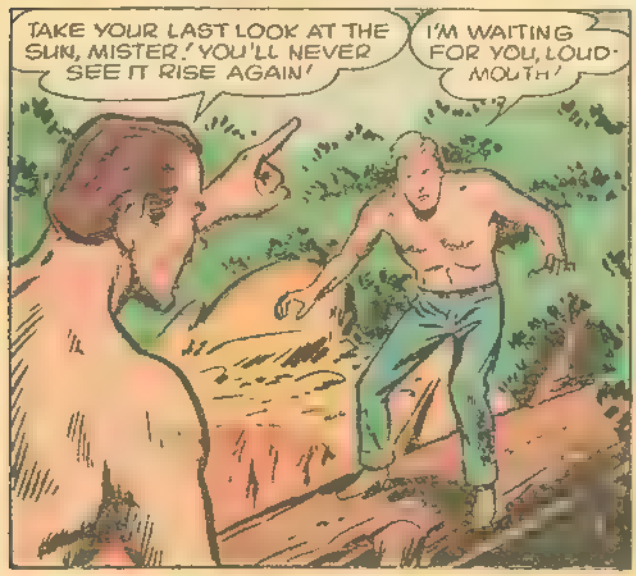

YOU GOT THE UPPER HAND THIS TIME, MISTER! I'D LIKE TO TAKE YOU ON WHEN YOU AIN'T WEARIN' GUNS, BACKED BY COMMANCHES!
DON'T LET THE INDIANS OR MY GUNS SCARE YOU OFF! I'LL TAKE YOU ON ANY DAY, ANY WAY!

YOU HEARD WHAT HE SAID, BOYS! FILL A PIT WITH CACTUS AN' THROW A LOG ACROSS IT!
THE OLD PIG GAME, EH? YOU'VE NAMED YOUR BRAND OF POISON . NOW STRIP DOWN AND BACK UP YOUR BIG TALK!

TWENTY MINUTES LATER, THE DEADLY SETTING WAS READY .


IF YOU NEVER FELL INTO A CACTUS BED, YOU'RE GOIN' TO FIND OUT WHAT YOU MISSED, AMIGO!
ONE OF US IS GOING TO FIND OUT! LET'S GET STARTED!

THE KID SPRANG LIGHTLY TO THE LOG AND WAITED FOR HIS ADVERSARY...»



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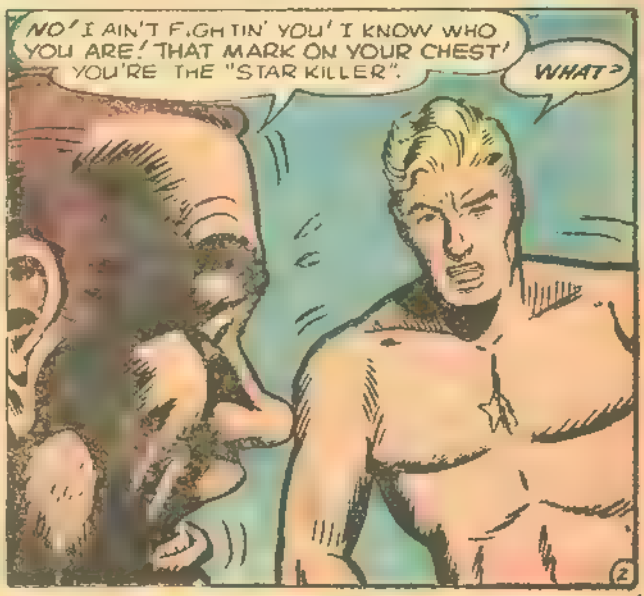


THE 'STAR KILLER"! IT'S H-HIM!
KUSANA CHANI! IT IS THE SIGN OF THE EVIL ONE!
THEY FLED IN PANIC, AS THOUGH PURSUED BY FIENDS
WAIT! HAVE YOU ALL GONE LOCO? COME BACK HERE!
STAR KILLER'! I DON'T KNOW STAND WHAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT! THEY MUST BE HEAT CRAZY!
LATER THAT DAY.
THAT WATER LOOKS GLOOM STEEL! I CAN USE A GOOD WASH!
MOVE OVER BOYS I GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE! I'VE HAD SAND IN MY EYES AND BAD-LAND GRIT ON MY SKIN!
WATER'S COOLER THAN A SIERRA SNOWCAP!
BUT AS THE K D BARED HIS CHEST
WHAT? TH THE "STAR KILLER"!
T'S H M ALL RIGHT!
THAT'S THE SECOND TIME TODAY TH HAS HAPPENED! A TH BLACKJ?
YOU CAN HAVE THE TROUGH TO YOURSELF AN NO MAN N THE TORY WOULD HARE IT WITH YOU!

WHAT MAKES ME POISON TO THOSE HOMBRES? WHAT'S TH'S ABOUT BEIN A STAR KILLER?
YOU KNOW BETTER'N I DO, MISTER! NOBODY EVER FIGURED YOU'D SHOW UP WITHOUT YOUR MASK! THAT MARK ON YOUR CHEST IS A SURE SIGN!
WHO IS THE "STAR KILLER"? I'VE GOT TO KNOW!
HE'S A MEAN HOMBRE HE DESTROYS W'THOUT FEELIN' AN' WITHOUT REASON!
THIS TOWN AIN'T LILY-WHITE, BUT T'S GOT NO ROOM FOR THE LIKES OF YOU! GET OUT OR WE'LL PLANT YOU IN BOOT-HILL!
THAT NIGHT, AS THE KID PONDERED HIS FATE IN THE LONELY REACHES OF THE MOUNTAINS..
HOWDY! I SAW THE LIGHT OF YOUR FIRE AN MOSEYED OVER FOR COMPANY!
YOU'RE WELCOME TO IT BUT MOST FOLKS SEEM TO THINK A RATTLER'S BETTER COMPANY THAN ME
I'VE BEEN CHASED, HUNTED AND SPURNED LIKE A MAD DOG, ALL BECAUSE OF A STAR-SHAPED SCAR I'VE GOT ON MY CHEST I JUST CAN'T FIGURE IT OUT
A STAR-SHAPED SCAR, EH? THAT'S MIGHTY INTERESTING TO ME!
SUDDENLY, BEFORE THE KID COULD STIR, TREACHERY STRUCK..
I DON'T NEED YOU!, BUT I CAN USE YOUR HORSE
AND THE STRANGER RAISED HIS EYES TO THE STARLIT SKIES..
ONLY THE STARS CAN SEE ME STAR KILLER! AN THEY WON'T TELL! HA! HA!

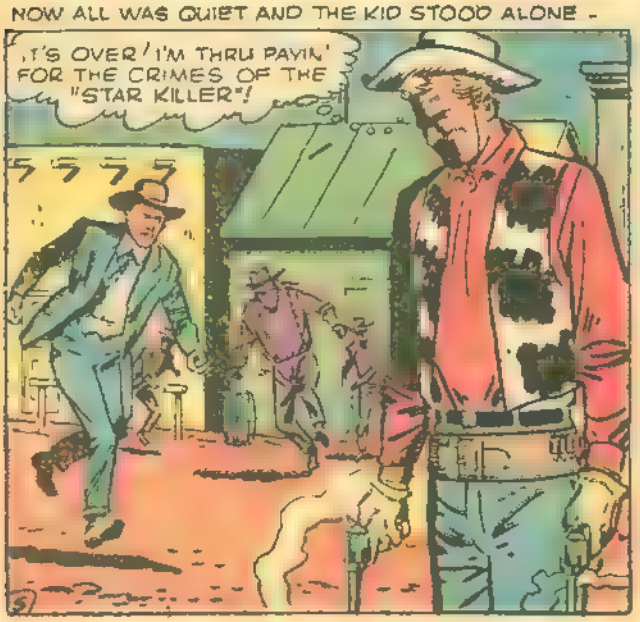
CONSCIOUSNESS RETURNED SLOWLY TO THE KID...

IT WAS A WEARY BUT DETERMINED MAN WHO STALKED SLOWLY INTO PAWNEE THAT MORNING...

TWO BURNING EYES GLARED EVILLY FROM THE MURKY DARKNESS OF A DESERTED BUILDING...

AND SUDDENLY THE STREET WAS FILLED WITH THE BEDLAM OF SPLINTERED GLASS AND ROARING GUNS...

NOW ALL WAS QUIET AND THE KID STOOD ALONE -



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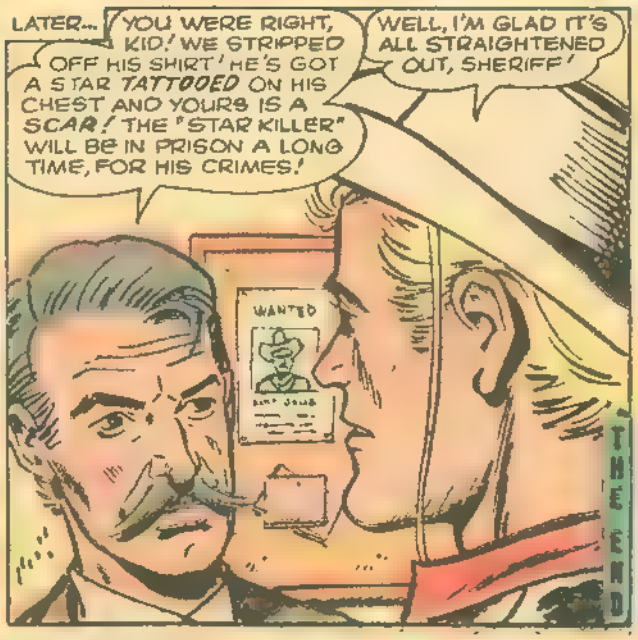
YOU WERE RIGHT, KID! WE STRIPPED OFF HIS SHIRT! HE'S GOT A STAR TATTOOED ON HIS CHEST AND YOURS IS A SCAR! THE "STAR KILLER" WILL BE IN PRISON A LONG TIME, FOR HIS CRIMES!
WELL, I'M GLAD IT'S ALL STRAIGHTENED OUT, SHERIFF!
WANTED
THE END

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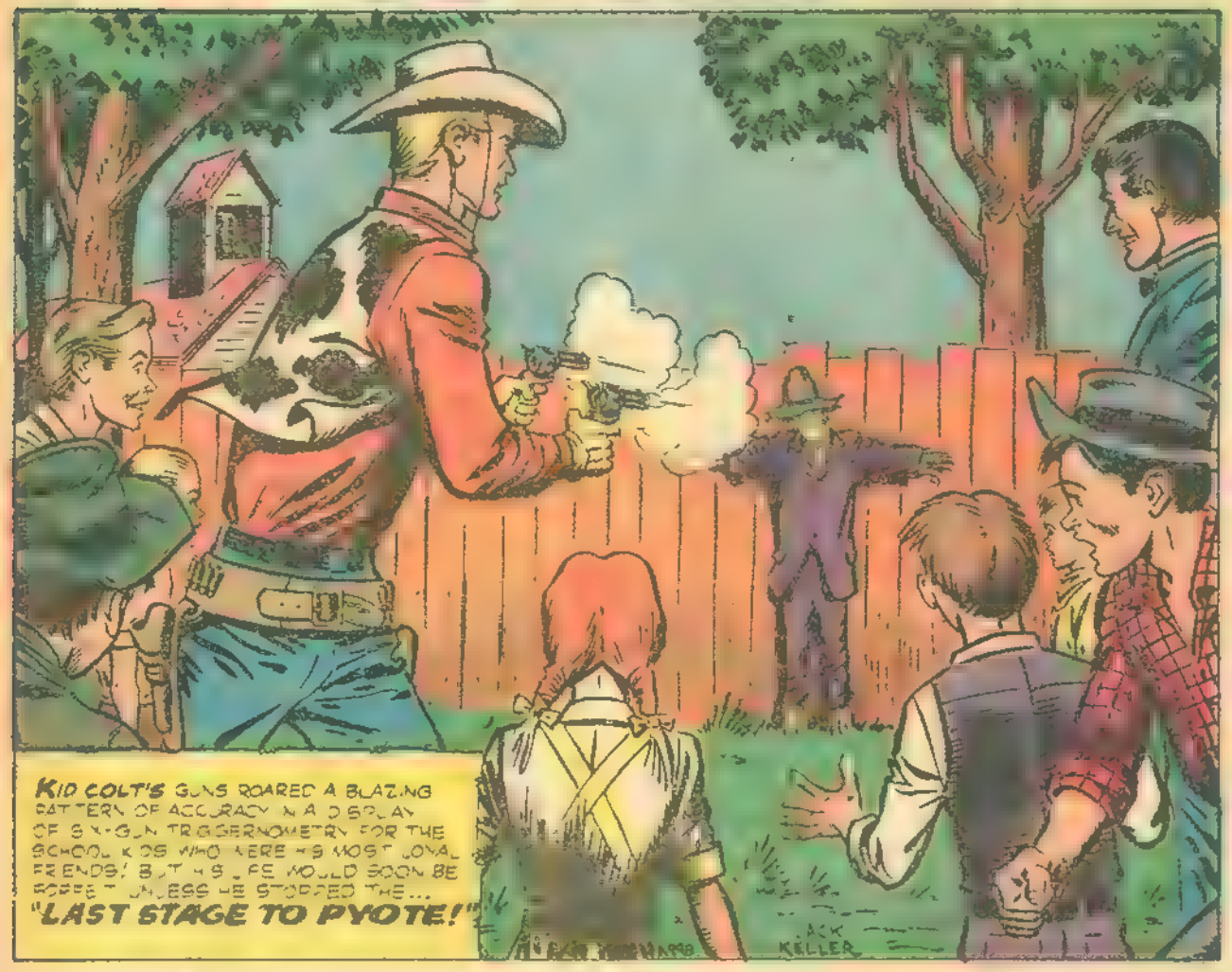
KID COLT'S GUNS ROARED A BLAZING PATTERN OF ACCURACY IN A DISPLAY OF SIX-GUN TRIGGERNOMETRY FOR THE SCHOOL KIDS WHO WERE HIS MOST LOYAL FRIENDS! BUT HIS LIFE WOULD SOON BE FORFEIT UNLESS HE STOPPED THE...
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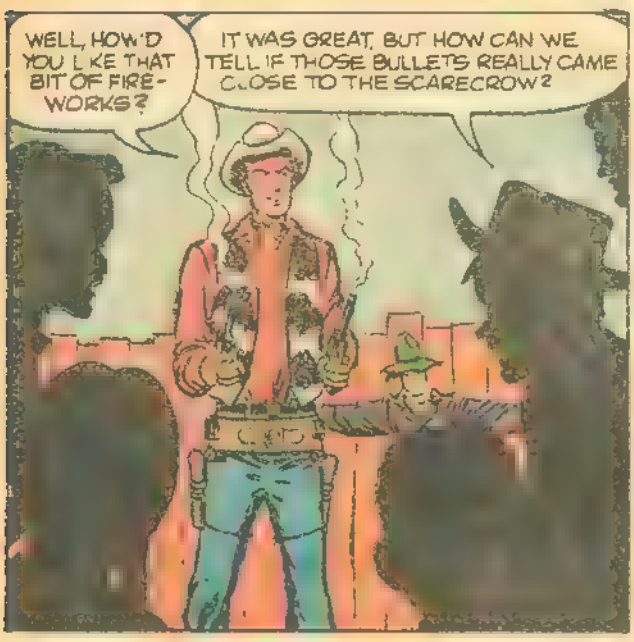
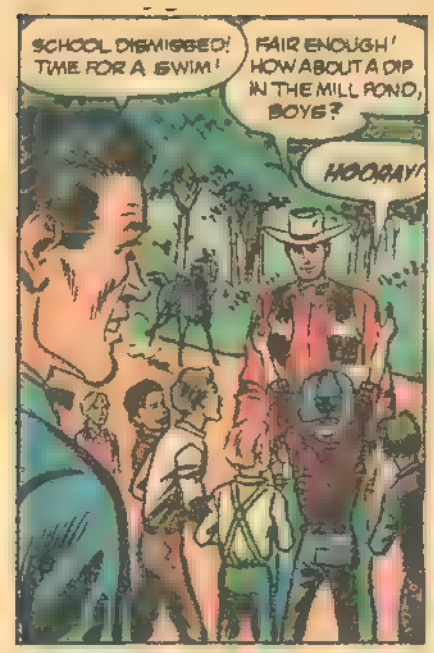
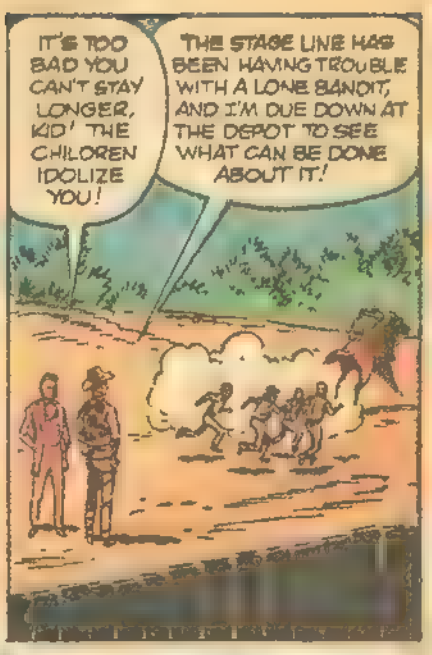
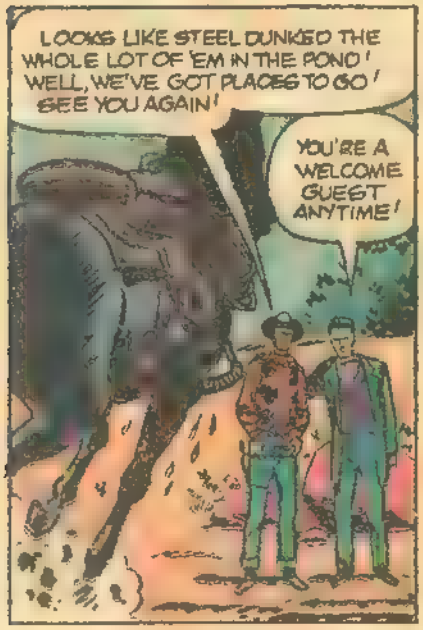
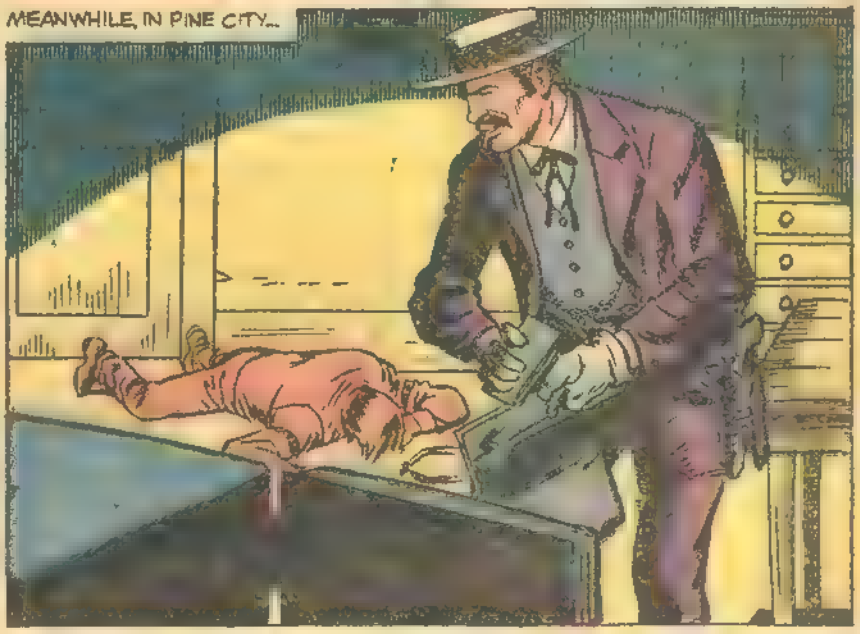

WELL, HOW'D YOU LIKE THAT BIT OF FIRE-WORKS?
IT WAS GREAT, BUT HOW CAN WE TELL IF THOSE BULLETS REALLY CAME CLOSE TO THE SCARECROW?

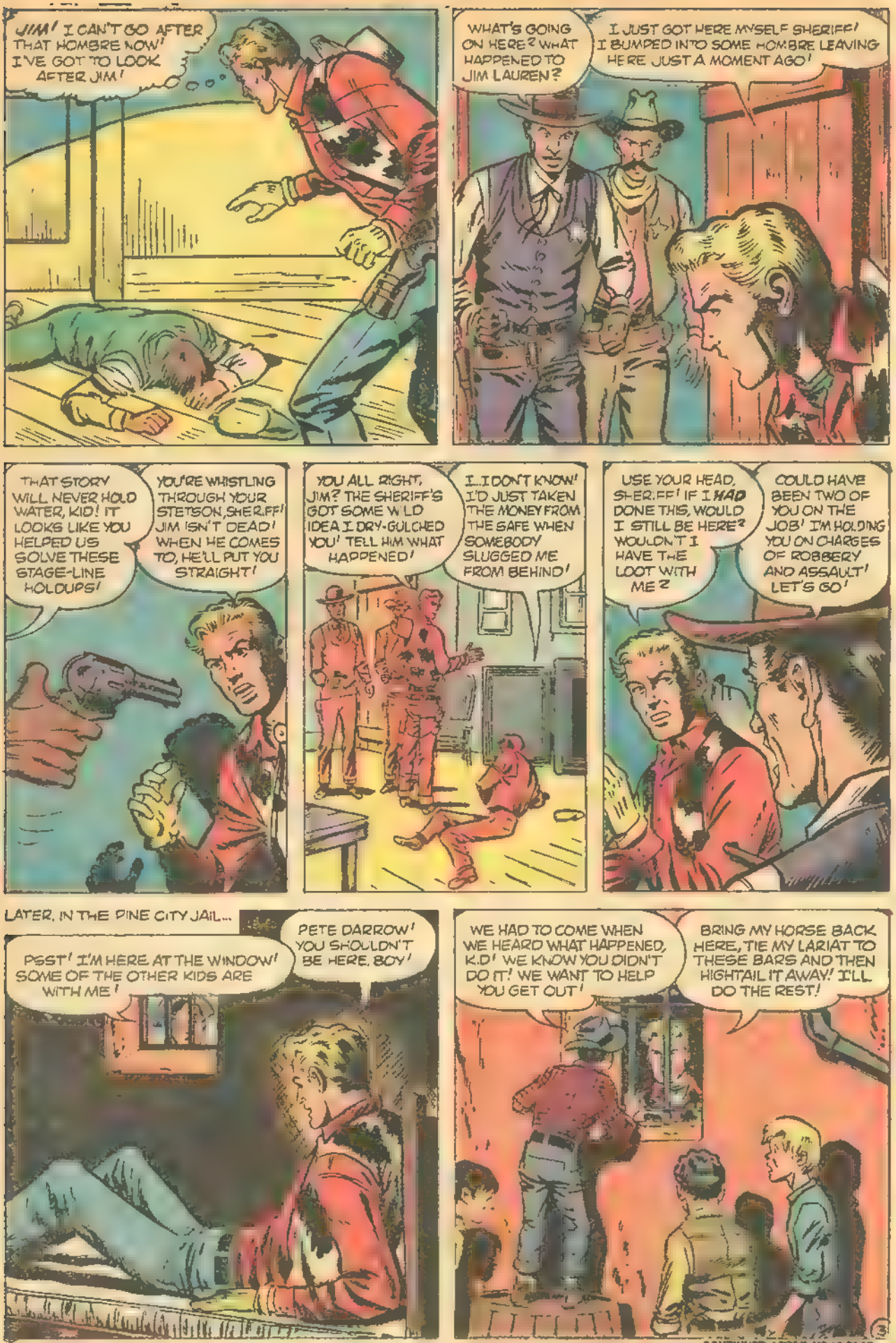



IT'S TOO BAD YOU CAN'T STAY LONGER, KID! THE CHILDREN IDOLIZE YOU!
THE STAGE LINE HAS BEEN HAVING TROUBLE WITH A LONE BANDIT, AND I'M DUE DOWN AT THE DEPOT TO SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT!


LOOKS LIKE STEEL DUNKED THE WHOLE LOT OF 'EM IN THE POND! WELL, WE'VE GOT PLACES TO GO! SEE YOU AGAIN!
YOU'RE A WELCOME GUEST ANYTIME!



AS KID COLT REACHED THE DOOR OF THE STAGE DEPOT..


JIM! I CAN'T GO AFTER THAT HOMBRE NOW! I'VE GOT TO LOOK AFTER JIM!
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? WHAT HAPPENED TO JIM LAUREN?
I JUST GOT HERE MYSELF SHERIFF! I BUMPED INTO SOME HOMBRE LEAVING HERE JUST A MOMENT AGO!
THAT STORY WILL NEVER HOLD WATER, KID! IT LOOKS LIKE YOU HELPED US SOLVE THESE STAGE-LINE HOLDUPS!
YOU'RE WHISTLING THROUGH YOUR STETSON, SHERIFF! JIM ISN'T DEAD! WHEN HE COMES TO, HE'LL PUT YOU STRAIGHT!
YOU ALL RIGHT, JIM? THE SHERIFF'S GOT SOME WILD IDEA I DRY-GULCHED YOU! TELL HIM WHAT HAPPENED!
I...I DON'T KNOW! I'D JUST TAKEN THE MONEY FROM THE SAFE WHEN SOMEBODY SLUGGED ME FROM BEHIND!
USE YOUR HEAD, SHERIFF! IF I HAD DONE THIS, WOULD I STILL BE HERE? WOULDN'T I HAVE THE LOOT WITH ME?
COULD HAVE BEEN TWO OF YOU ON THE JOB! I'M HOLDING YOU ON CHARGES OF ROBBERY AND ASSAULT! LET'S GO!
LATER, IN THE PINE CITY JAIL...
PSST! I'M HERE AT THE WINDOW! SOME OF THE OTHER KIDS ARE WITH ME!
PETE DARROW! YOU SHOULDN'T BE HERE, BOY!
WE HAD TO COME WHEN WE HEARD WHAT HAPPENED, K.D! WE KNOW YOU DIDN'T DO IT! WE WANT TO HELP YOU GET OUT!
BRING MY HORSE BACK HERE, TIE MY LARIAT TO THESE BARS AND THEN HIGHTAIL IT AWAY! I'LL DO THE REST!
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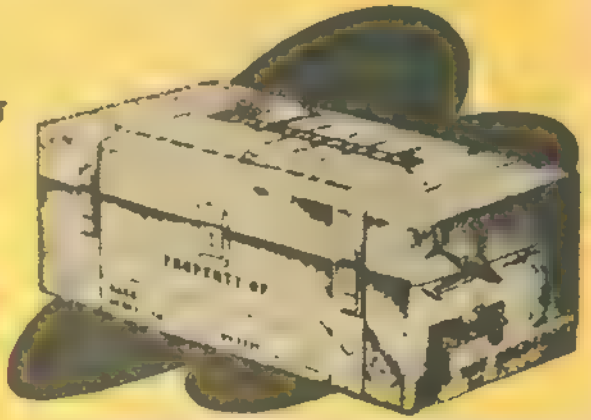

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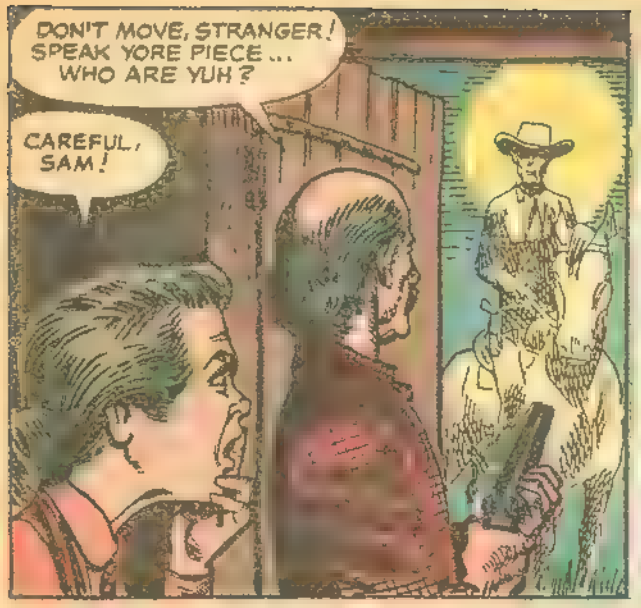
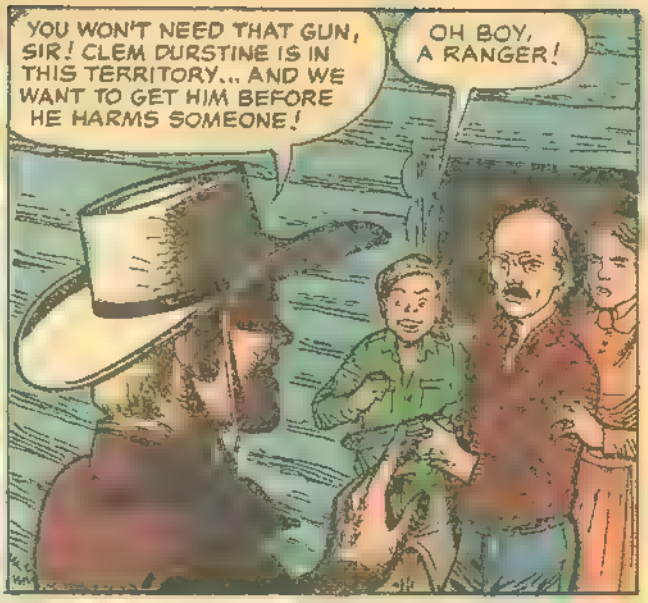
FIVE MINUTES LATER...
NICE GOING, STEEL! NOW ALL WE'VE GOT TO DO IS FIND THE HOMBRE WHOSE WATCH I HAVE IN MY POCKET!
MEANWHILE, AT THE STAGE DEPOT...
KID SAID TO DO ANYTHING TO KEEP THAT STAGE FROM LEAVING! I'LL RILE UP THE HORSES AND YOU POT AWAY AT THE DRIVER!
UNSEEN DEMONS SUDDENLY RAISED HAVOC AT THE DEPOT...
OWW! I'M BE'N STUNG!
WHOAA, CAESER! EASY, NELL! WHAT'S COME OVER THIS TEAM? WE'LL BE LATE STARTIN'!
BEGGIN' YOUR PARDON, AMIGO! CAN YOU TELL ME THE TIME?
YES, I'VE GOT THE... WHAT? IT'S GONE!
IS THIS WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR, MISTER? YOU DROPPED IT OUTSIDE THE DEPOT OFFICE AFTER YOU BUSHWHACKED THE AGENT!
THAT'S MY WATCH! I'LL GET YOU FOR THIS!
WE'VE GOT HIM COVERED, KID!
THANKS, BOYS! I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'D HAVE DONE WITHOUT YOU! SOMEBODY CALL THE SHERIFF! THIS HOMBRE ISN'T MAKING THE LAST STAGE TO PYOTE!
THE END

A DESPERADO AT OUR DOOR!
LISTEN TO THIS, SARAH! AND YOU, TOO JOHNNY.. "CAUTION, BE ON LOOKOUT FOR CLEM DURSTINE, WANTED FOR MURDER! THIS MAN IS DANGEROUS! WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE!"
CLEM DURSTINE... IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD?
GOLLY... I'D LIKE TO BE THE ONE TO CAPTURE DURSTINE!
DON'T SPEAK LIKE A CHILD, JOHNNY! DURSTINE IS A WANTED KILLER... A
JUST PRAY HE DOESN'T COME HERE!
SAM LOOK... A STRANGER IS COMING!
Stan Lee


DON'T MOVE, STRANGER! SPEAK YORE PIECE... WHO ARE YUH?
CAREFUL, SAM!


YOU WON'T NEED THAT GUN, SIR! CLEM DURSTINE IS IN THIS TERRITORY... AND WE WANT TO GET HIM BEFORE HE HARMS SOMEONE!
OH BOY, A RANGER!

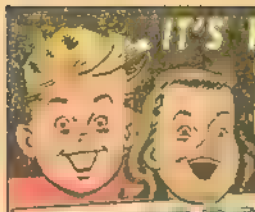
COME IN, MISTER! SET A SPELL!
THANK YOU, SIR! I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING DURSTINE'S TRAIL, BUT I LOST IT IN THE HILLS YONDER! HE'S HUNGRY... HE'LL HAVE TO COME OUT SOON... AND HE MAY COME HERE!

I'VE GOT TO RIDE ON, BUT IF YOU SEE A BIG, MEAN-LOOKING CRITTER, BE CAREFUL... HE'S DANGEROUS! JUST LIGHT A FIRE, I'LL SEE THE SMOKE AND COME A-RUNNIN'!
THANK YUH KINDLY, SON!

DID YUH HEAR THAT, PAW! DURSTINE'S IN THE TERRITORY! OH BOY!
QUIET, JOHNNY! LOCK THE DOOR, SARAH! I DON'T LIKE THE LOOK OF THIS!

LATER, THAT NIGHT...
OPEN UP IN THERE... OPEN UP!
IT MUST BE DURSTINE!
KNOCK KNOCK
ALL RIGHT, JOHNNY, OPEN IT... CAREFUL LIKE!
RAISE 'EM, MISTER! ONE MOVE AND I'LL SHOOT!
THIS THE WAY YUH ALWAYS WELCOME STRANGERS?
IT'S HIM, PAW... IT'S HIM!
I DON'T LIKE GUNS POINTED AT ME! THEY MAKE ME NERVOUS!
FASTER THAN ANY EYE IN THE ROOM COULD FOLLOW, THE STRANGER'S GUN HAND MADE A FLEETING MOTION AND A COLT SEEMED TO APPEAR IN IT AS IF BY MAGIC!
NOW I'LL GIVE THE ORDERS! DID YUH SEE A THIN, CLEAN-SHAVEN HOMBRE IN A WHITE HAT RIDE BY HERE TODAY?
MEBBE WE DID... MEBBE WE DIDN'T!

I FOLLOWED HIS TRAIL HERE... I RECKON HE LL BE BACK! I'LL JUST SET A SPELL AND WAIT FER 'IM!
I-I HEAR HIM A-COMIN' NOW!
BE QUIET, JOHNNY!
IT'S HIM... I RECOGNIZE THOSE HOOF BEATS! NOT A WORD OUTA YUH... SAVVY?
PAW...HE... HE'LL KILL THE RANGER!
NO SIGN OF HIM ANYWHERE! I FIGGERED HE HAS TO COME BACK HERE!
I AM BACK!
IT'S BEEN A LONG CHASE, DURSTINE... BUT THIS IS THE END!
YOU!
DURSTINE! HE CALLED YOU DURSTINE!
CRACK
THAT'S RIGHT... I'M JOE BENNETT, FEDERAL MARSHAL... I FIGGERED DURSTINE WOULD TRY TO POSE AS ME... HE KNOWS MOST PEOPLE TRUST A GOOD-LOOKIN', CLEAN-SHAVEN HOMBRE!
IT ALMOST WORKED, TOO! I HAD EVERYONE BUFFALOED!
I RECKON WE BOTH LEARNED US A LESSON, JOHNNY! IT'S PURTY DANGEROUS, JUST TO JUDGE A MAN BY THE LOOKS OF 'IM!
I'LL NEVER FORGET THAT, PAW... NEVER!



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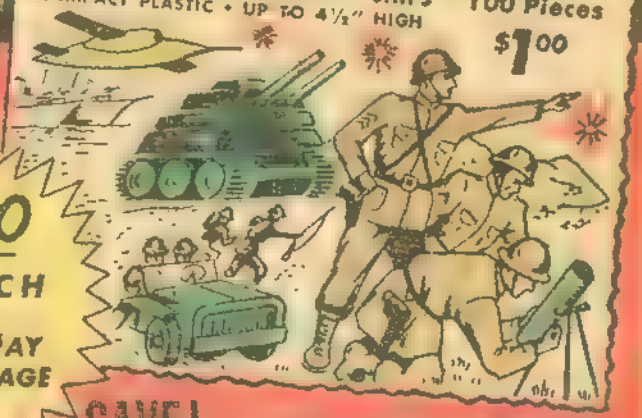

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anybody when he strode up to Bill Parker's desk.

"What's all this loose ramble I been hearing about the Van Schuyler boy hitting the trail after some rustlers?" He asked in a voice as cold and hard as ice.

"Since when have you been paying any mind to other people's problems?" the sheriff answered sharply. It always rankled him that a hand like Harry, fast as he was on the trigger, had never helped him track down trouble when the call went out.

"I didn't drop in for target practice, Bill. Is the story true about the boy writing the note and . . ."

"Yes, it's true," said Mr. Van Schuyler stepping forward. "Are you going to join the posse to help find my boy?"

Hair-Trigger didn't pause as he flung the words over his shoulder. "I'm a loner . . . just like that kid. You get your posse organized. I'm on my own, and I'm taking off now!"

The story soon circulated all over Culver City. Two determined posses were out searching for Percy Van Schuyler. Everyone speculated about where they might find the boy and whether they could head him off before he landed himself into trouble with the badmen in the hill.

Hair-Trigger Harry didn't waste even the tail-end of a minute in hitting the trail. He sought out every cave and hollow and every hidden spot of high ground. As a lonely youth, he had spent most of his spare time combing every inch of that territory. Towards dusk, in a place called Wrangler's Ridge, he came upon a tired, dirty-faced Percy Van Schuyler.

"You're a far piece from home for this time of the day," drawled Harry.

"I'm on business," Percy fired back defiantly.

"Monkey business?"

Percy looked mighty embarrassed. He shuffled his feet and looked as if he wanted to cry. He was dog-tired, all right.

"Now, you get back on your horse, Percy, and while we're riding back to town, I'm going to tell you a little story about myself."

And Harry told him about

how when he was a kid, everyone teased him until he set out to prove that he was a crackerjack shot, just like Percy set out to prove himself a hero in everyone's eyes by tracking down rustlers.

"That's not the way, Percy. You and me want most to have fun with others, but they don't let us. And because we're mad, we aim to be different and prove how wrong everyone else is. It's too late for me, but not for you. Kids will tease you if they can get a rise out of you. That's natural. So if you keep arching your back like an angry coyote, they'll keep on teasing. It doesn't matter what your name is, or how big or small you are, to be a regular fellow. But it *does* take more of a man to get along with other people than it takes to stay by himself. It's easy to be a loner . . . but it's better to get along and belong with friends."

Mr. Van Schuyler greeted Percy with mixed hugs and scoldings when they got back. The sheriff's men grouped together and smilingly watched the happy reunion. Hair-Trigger Harry stayed off to one side, his face hard and set, so no one could read his thoughts.

He prepared to leave, but young Percy suddenly dashed to his side.

"I want to thank you, Harry," he said softly. "And I want to ask a favor, too. Will you help the sheriff and my dad search out those rustlers? Will you . . . will you please do it for a friend?"

"So long as I'm wanted," Harry answered, "I reckon I will."

Sheriff Parker made no effort to conceal his pleasure at having Harry on his team.

"We'll get those rustlers who've been bothering us all. Harry's working with us now!"

"Please come out to the ranch for dinner," said Mr. Van Schuyler. "I'd like you to talk to my wife, too. Won't you let her show some appreciation?"

"Thanks," said Harry. Slowly, he unhooked his gunbelt and handed it to the sheriff for safekeeping. "It wouldn't be fitting to wear shooting irons when you're having dinner with friends, would it now?"

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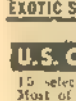

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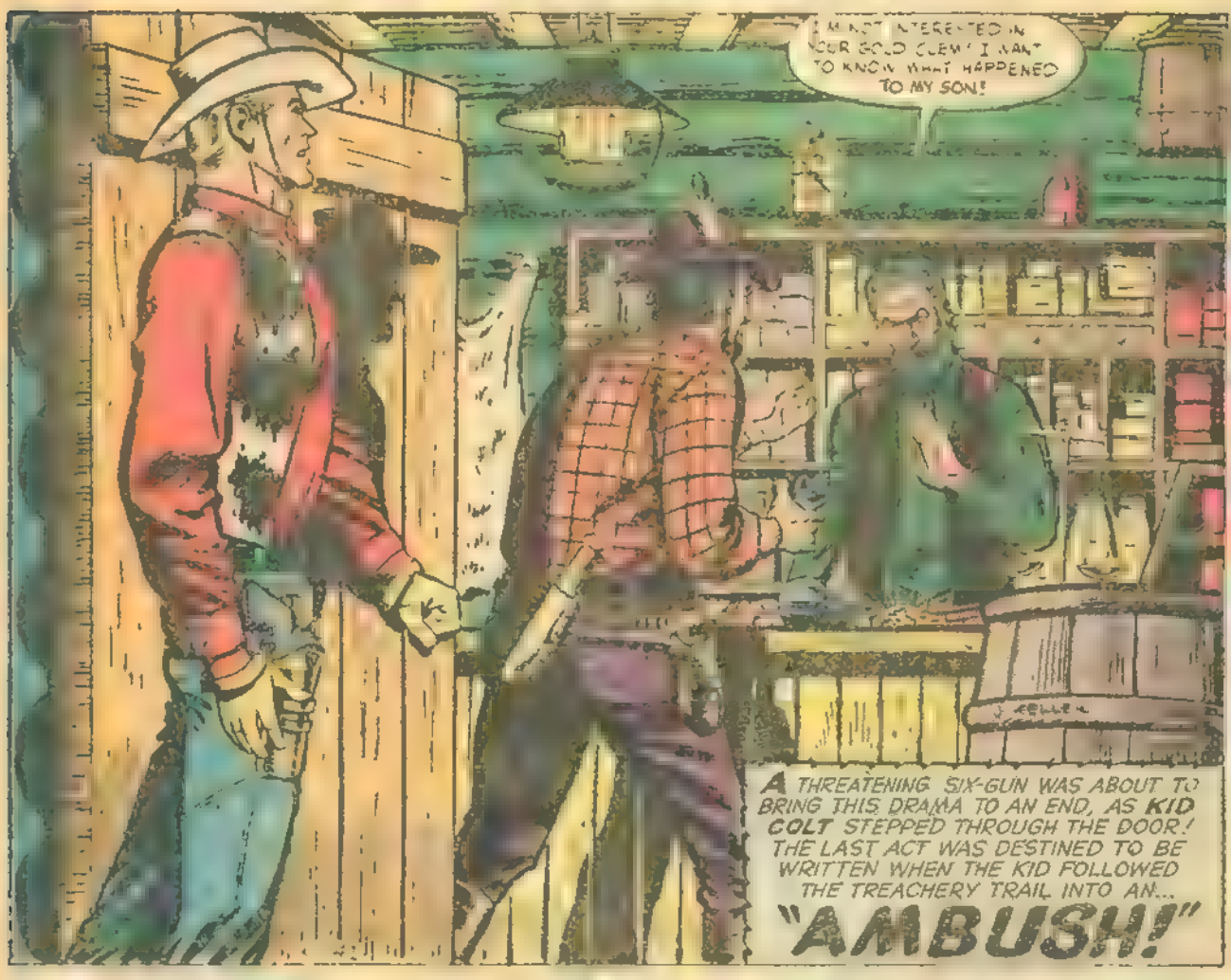
I'M NOT INTERESTED IN YOUR GOLD CLAIM! I WANT TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO MY SON!
A THREATENING SIX-GUN WAS ABOUT TO BRING THIS DRAMA TO AN END, AS KID COLT STEPPED THROUGH THE DOOR! THE LAST ACT WAS DESTINED TO BE WRITTEN WHEN THE KID FOLLOWED THE TREACHERY TRAIL INTO AN...
"AMBUSH!"

THAT'S BETTER! NOW LET'S TALK THIS OVER PEACEFULLY!
THERE AIN'T NOTHIN' TO TALK ABOUT! I BROUGHT IN A SACK OF NUGGETS AN THIS POLECAT WON'T PAY ME OFF!
YOU RE LY NG, STAGG! YOU AND MY SON WERE PARDNERS! WHY DID YOU COME BACK ALONE? WHERE'S JOHNNY?
WE BUSTED UP ON THE TRAIL! HE WENT HIS WAY AN' I WENT MINE! THIS IS MY GOLD AN I DON T G VE A HOOT WHAT HAPPENED TO JOHNNY!
PICK UP YOUR GUN AND GET OUT OF HERE, STAGG! TAKE THE GOLD, TOO!
OKAY, BUT I KNOW THE LAW! HE'S GOT TO PAY ME FOR THIS GOLD OR HE'LL LOSE HIS ASSAY LICENSE!
I WARNED JOHNNY AGAINST TEAMIN' UP WITH THAT RATTLER! SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO HIM, AND I'M SURE STAGG HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT!
BEN, YOU KNOW THE ROUTE THEY TOOK ON THIS TRIP! SKETCH IT OUT FOR ME AND MAYBE I CAN HELP FIND JOHNNY!
JOHNNY SAID HE'D START OUT AT THE HEADWATERS OF THE WOLVERINE CREEK! FROM THERE, THEY'D PAN UP INTO THE FEEDER STREAMS!
I KNOW THAT TERRITORY!
I KNOW THAT TERRITORY, TOO, AN' I'LL BE WAITIN'!
LATER...
OLD MAN FRASER SENSES HIS SON MET WITH FOUL PLAY, AND A FATHER'S INSTINCTS ARE SELDOM WRONG!
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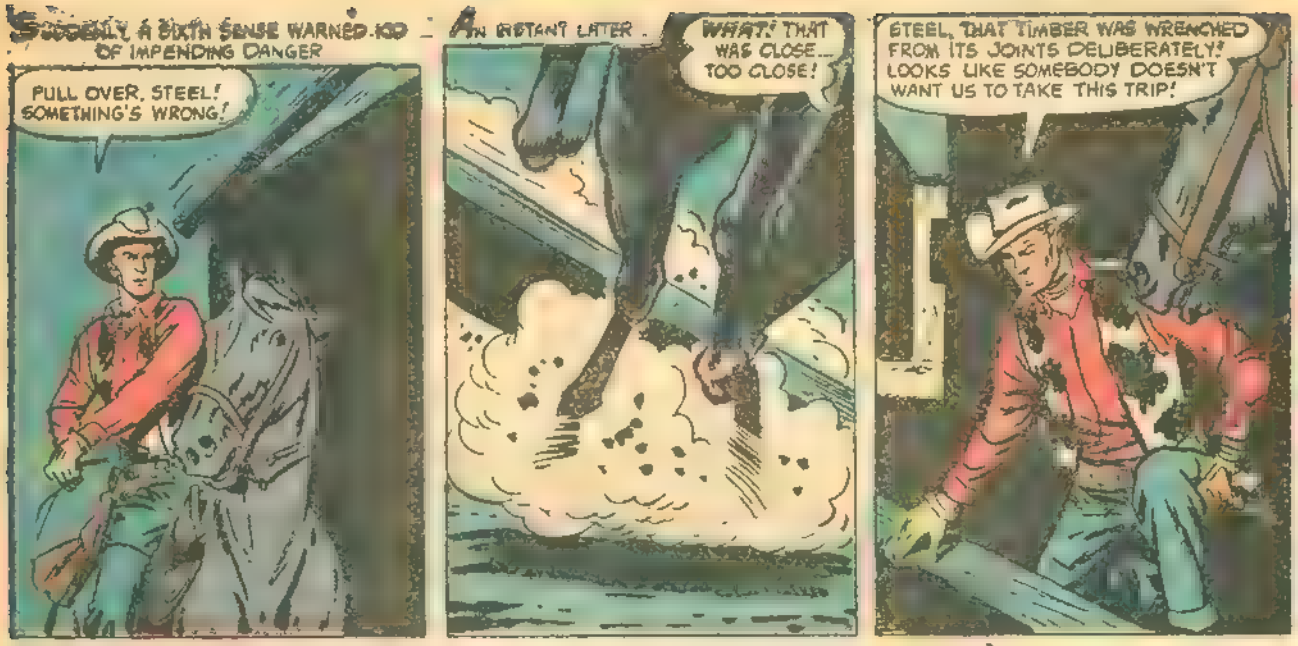
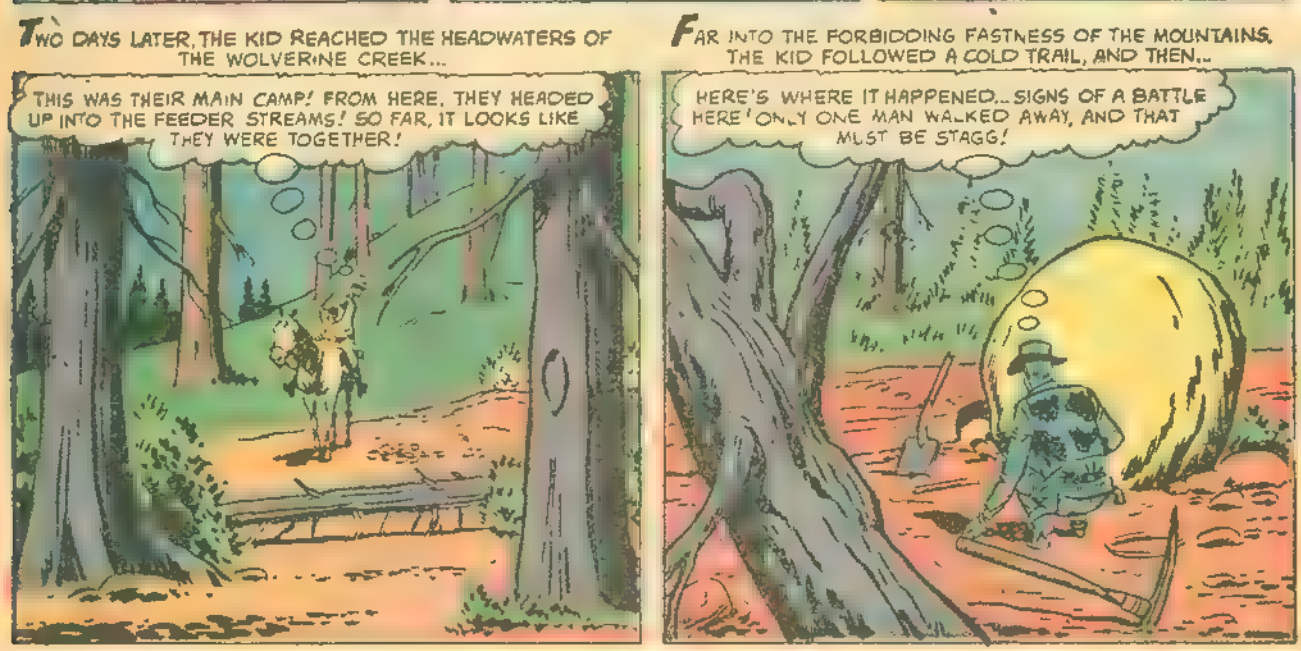

SUDDENLY, A SIXTH SENSE WARNED KID OF IMPENDING DANGER
PULL OVER, STEEL! SOMETHING'S WRONG!
AN INSTANT LATER...
WHAT! THAT WAS CLOSE... TOO CLOSE!
STEEL, THAT TIMBER WAS WRENCHED FROM ITS JOINTS DELIBERATELY! LOOKS LIKE SOMEBODY DOESN'T WANT US TO TAKE THIS TRIP!


TWO DAYS LATER, THE KID REACHED THE HEADWATERS OF THE WOLVERINE CREEK...
THIS WAS THEIR MAIN CAMP! FROM HERE, THEY HEADED UP INTO THE FEEDER STREAMS! SO FAR, IT LOOKS LIKE THEY WERE TOGETHER!
FAR INTO THE FORBIDDING FASTNESS OF THE MOUNTAINS, THE KID FOLLOWED A COLD TRAIL, AND THEN...
HERE'S WHERE IT HAPPENED... SIGNS OF A BATTLE HERE! ONLY ONE MAN WALKED AWAY, AND THAT MUST BE STAGG!

SUDDENLY, TREACHERY STRUCK AND BLACKNESS ENGULFED THE KID.
FRASER'S GONE! I LEFT HIM FOR DEAD, BUT SOMEHOW HE MANAGED TO PULL THROUGH! I AIN'T SAFE WHILE HE'S STILL ALIVE!

MEANWHILE, NOT FAR AWAY...
THE WHITE MAN STILL CLINGS TO LIFE, BUT HE CAN NEITHER TALK NOR REASON!
GIVE HIM MORE HERBS! HE WOULD TELL A STORY OF BLACK TREACHERY IF HE COULD SPEAK!
HALT! WHY DO YOU ENTER THE REDMAN'S CAMP WITHOUT SIGNS OF FRIENDSHIP LIKE A THIEF IN THE NIGHT?
I COME IN PEACE! I'M LOOKIN FOR MY PARDNER! HE'S BEEN MISSIN FOR THREE DAYS!
HERE IS THE MAN YOU SEEK! WE FOUND HIM ALMOST DYING OF WOUNDS IN THE MOUNTAINS! WE HAVE KEPT HIM ALIVE, BUT HE DOES NOT SPEAK!
JOHNNY FRASER! THAT'S MY PARDNER! WHAT BUSHWHACKIN' BUZZARD DID THIS TO HIM?
I GOT BACK TO CAMP AN' FOUND HIM MISSIN' SOMEBODY STOLE OUR GOLD TOO! IF I GET MY HANDS ON THE SNAKE...
IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR YOU TO TAKE YOUR FRIEND HOME! WE HAVE DONE ALL WE CAN!
S-STAGG! YOU'VE COME BACK... TO FINISH THE J-JOB! DON'T LET HIM TAKE ME!
IT'S ONLY ME OLD PAL! I'VE COME TO TAKE YOU HOME JOHNNY! I RECKON HE'S CRAZY WITH FEVER OR SOMETHIN'! HELP ME GET HIM ON MY HOSS!
TEN MINUTES LATER...
HOW, RED BROTHERS! I SEEK AN INJURED WHITE MAN WHOSE TRACKS LEAD TO THIS CAMP!
YOU ARE TOO LATE, WHITE MAN! THE MAN YOU SEEK WAS HERE. BUT HIS FRIEND TOOK HIM AWAY NOT MANY MOMENTS AGO!
WHO TOOK HIM? WHAT DID THE MAN LOOK LIKE?
HE WAS A BIG MAN WITH MUCH DARK BEARD ON HIS FACE! THE INJURED WHITE MAN DID NOT WANT TO GO, BUT REASON HAD LEFT HIM!
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LISTEN TO ME RED BROTHERS! YOU GAVE THE WHITE MAN TO THE VERY MAN WHO BETRAYED HIM! NOW YOU MUST HELP ME!
WE WILL HELP!
MEANWHILE ON THE TRAIL .
STAGG! WH-WHAT ARE...YOU... GOING TO DO?
FINISH YOU OFF FRASER! I GOT THE GOLD BUT WHILE YOU'RE ALIVE, I'M NOT SAFE! HERE'S WHERE WE PART COMPANY FOR GOOD
AS CLEM STAGG RAISED THE BUTT OF HIS RIFLE
I'LL WHAT?!
DON'T MOVE, STAGG! THIS IS THE END OF YOUR OWN TRAIL!
THE TRAPPED BANDIT WENT FOR HIS GUN, BUT ..
D-DON'T! I WANT TO SEE H-HIM STAND TRIAL!
FRASER HAS MORE COURAGE THAN YOU SHOWED STAGG! THERE'S NOTHING LOWER THAN A MAN WHO'LL DOUBLE CROSS HIS OWN PARDNER
LATER
K.O, I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW GRATEFUL I AM FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE! I WANT TO GIVE YOU AND THE INDIANS SOME GIFTS YOU CAN USE!
NOTHING FOR ME, THANKS! MAYBE THE INDIANS WOULD LIKE SOME TRADING MATERIAL THOUGH! THEY HELPED US GET THROUGH!
THE END

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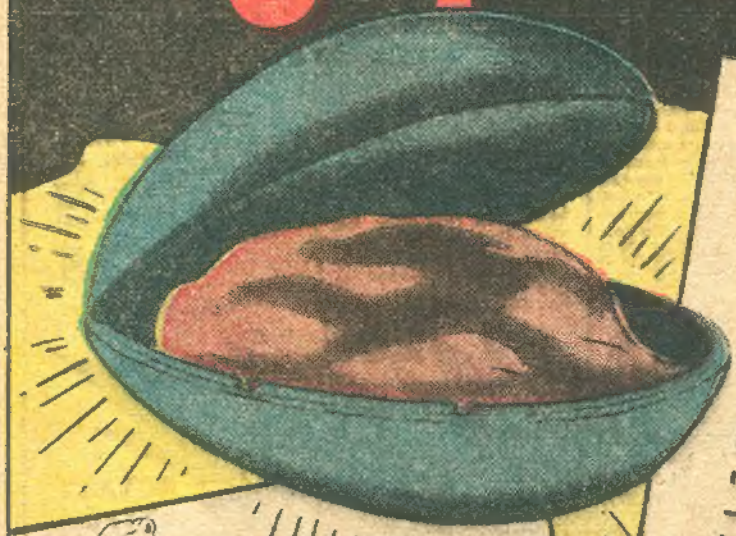

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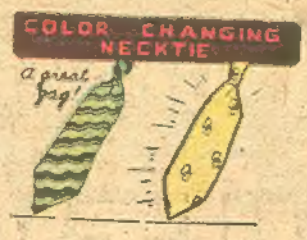

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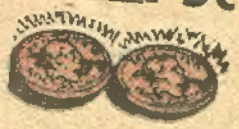

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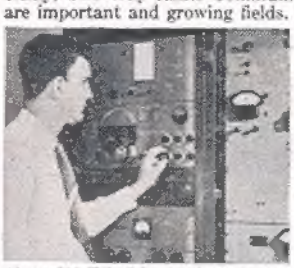

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